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Kite Festival Returns to Veterans Park

Milwaukee, WI (Aug. 28, 2014) – Colorful kites, including a new mega-octopus kite 140 feet long and 50 feet wide, will fill the skies over Veterans Park on Milwaukee’s Lakefront at the 36th Annual Maggiano’s Frank Mots International Kite Festival, Sat., Sept. 6, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 7, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois along with Gift of Wings are presenting the free event. Parking for the event is also free.

The public is invited to bring kites and take part in the Fast Track Grand Launch at noon each day, when nearly 600 kites will be set aloft. Event-goers without kites may purchase them at the event.

Master-class professional kite-flying teams will perform three times each day beginning at 12:30 p.m. Professionals include The Chicago Fire Kite Team, a precision kite-flying team; Team O2, a dual-line pair; Mike Delfar, a dual-line sport kite-flyer; and the team of Connor and Amy Doran, top-12 finalists on “America’s Got Talent.” Team Too Much Fun from Los Angeles will make its Milwaukee debut, and Yves Laforest and the Canadian Dream team, from Montreal, will fly the new mega-octopus kite and the giant manta ray kite. Additional experienced individuals and teams from the U.S. and Canada will perform.

At about 2:15 p.m., the Kaplan University “Kids Mad Dash of 100 Kites” will get under way, as children run to launch their kites. Free kites will be given to the first 100 children participating.

“The Kite Whisperer,” Brett Williams, will offer free kite-flying lessons throughout the festival.

Food items including Johnsonville Brats, Palermos Pizza, and Red Hot Chicago Hot Dogs will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.giftofwings.com

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